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## U.S.-Russia "Civil Society to Civil Society" Summit

***"[W]e recognize the critical nature of civil society to a vibrant democracy, and we want to create those relationships between our two countries...."***

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Washington, DC, June 24, 2010



Secretary Clinton delivers **remarks** at the U.S.-Russia "Civil Society to Civil Society" Summit in Washington, DC. State Department photo by Michael Gross. 6/24/2010

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 24 --** Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton visited the U.S. -Russia "Civil Society to Civil Society" (C2C) Summit Innovation Marketplace at the Renaissance Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC and delivered brief remarks. The second annual C2C Summit is aimed at addressing the role of peer-to-peer collaboration between U.S. and Russian civil society organizations and was organized on the sidelines of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's visit to Washington, D.C. For two days, working groups composed of leading Russian and American leaders will facilitate dialogue on civil society and encourage continued bilateral collaborations.

Secretary Clinton said, "I am very pleased to be here to thank you and to celebrate the work that you and colleagues do every single day to create and sustain strong civil societies in Russia and the United States. We also had a very important summit today between Presidents Medvedev and Obama. Mike McFaul from the National Security Council is here. And Mike, as you know, is a very longtime supporter of a vibrant civil society in Russia. And, as President Obama said when he met with many of you in Moscow last summer, we recognize the critical nature of civil society to a vibrant democracy, and we want to create those relationships between our two countries and between civil society in each country that can assist in answering questions and solving problems." [Read More: CSC Summit](#) |

[Secretary Clinton Remarks](#)

# International

## Humanitarian Crisis in the Kyrgyz Republic and Uzbekistan

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 23** – The U.S. Department of State released a fact sheet underscoring the United States support for international efforts to facilitate peace and order and the provision of humanitarian assistance in Kyrgyzstan coordinated by the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The United States intends to provide approximately \$32 million to programs for humanitarian relief, reconstruction, and community stabilization.

These funds will be directed to meeting immediate humanitarian needs, providing assistance to displaced and returning families, and also to addressing the roots of the conflict through community development and conflict mitigation programs in the southern regions of the Kyrgyz Republic. The fact sheet includes a breakdown of how funds will be utilized. [Read More: Fact Sheet](#) | [June 12 Daily Press Briefing](#)

## Iran Policy Post UN Sanctions

*"Sanctions and pressure are not an end in themselves. They are a complement, not a substitute, for the diplomatic solution to which we and our partners are still committed."*

Under Secretary William Burns  
Washington, DC, June 22, 2010

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 22** – Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs William Burns discussed before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee US policy toward Iran after the passing of UN sanctions against that country. Under Secretary Burns said, "The passage of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1929 two weeks ago establishes the most comprehensive international sanctions that the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has ever faced. It reinforces the determination not only of the United States, but of the rest of the international community, to hold Iran to its international obligations, and to prevent it from developing nuclear weapons. At this critical moment, as we vigorously implement resolution 1929 and use it as a platform on which to build further measures by the European Union and other partners, it's important to take stock of what's at stake and where we go from here." [Read More](#) | [Video](#)

## Quartet Statement

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 21** –The Middle East Quartet (United Nations, European Union, Russian Federation, and the United States) issued a Statement on the situation in Gaza. Here is an excerpt of the Statement:

*"The Quartet re-affirms that the current situation in Gaza, including the humanitarian and human rights situation of the civilian population, is unsustainable, unacceptable, and not in the interests of any of those concerned. The Quartet reiterates its call for a solution that addresses Israel's legitimate security concerns, including an end to weapons smuggling into Gaza; promotes Palestinian unity based on the Palestine Liberation Organization commitments and the reunification of Gaza and the West Bank under the legitimate Palestinian Authority; and ensures the unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid, commercial goods and persons to and from Gaza, consistent with United Nations Security Council resolution 1860 (2009). The Quartet declares its readiness to work closely with Israel, the Palestinian Government and international donors in order to achieve sustainable economic development on the basis of the full implementation of the Agreement on Access and Movement of 2005 and in the broader perspective of the two-state solution."* [Read More: Full Statement](#)

## Middle East Peace

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 23** – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak delivered brief remarks before members of the press prior to their bilateral meeting.



Secretary Clinton meets with Israeli Minister of Defense Ehud Barak in the Treaty Room of the State Department. 6/23/2010.

Secretary Clinton said, "It's a pleasure to welcome back an old friend and someone who is certainly deeply involved in every important decision that affects Israel's security and the prospects for peace."

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## The New START Treaty

*"The new START treaty will make our country more secure, and we urge the Senate to ratify it expeditiously."*

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Washington, DC, June 17, 2010

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 17** – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered opening remarks before the Senate Armed Services Committee on the New START treaty and Implications for National Security Programs. Secretary Clinton said, "By bringing the new START treaty into force, we will strengthen our national security more broadly, including by creating greater leverage to tackle a core national security challenge – nuclear proliferation.

This will also demonstrate our leadership and strengthen our hand as we work with others to hold irresponsible governments accountable, whether in further isolating Iran and enforcing the rules against violators or in persuading other countries to implement better controls on their own nuclear materials. And it makes clear that we are committed to real reductions and to upholding our end of the bargain under the Nonproliferation Treaty, which has already brought about important benefits in my discussions with foreign leaders about strengthening the nonproliferation regime and a range of other topics." [Read More](#) | [Video](#)

## Global Issues Affecting the Nation

### LGBT Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy



Secretary Clinton gives remarks on "Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy" at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month Event on June 22, 2010. State Department photo by Michael Gross.

*"So here at the State Department, we will continue to advance a comprehensive human rights agenda that includes the elimination of violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. We are elevating our human rights dialogues with other governments and conducting public diplomacy to protect the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons."*

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Washington, DC, June 22, 2010

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 22** -- Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Rajiv Shah delivered opening remarks on "LGBT Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy" at an event co-hosted by State's Office of Civil Rights and GLIFAA, the organization for Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies. Following the opening remarks,

Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration Eric Schwartz led a panel discussion with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Daniel Baer, Mark Bromley, from the Council for Global Equality, and Cary Johnson, from the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. [Read More: Full Speech](#) | [Video](#)

### International Cooperation on Climate Change

*"The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change continues to serve as the platform for the negotiation of an international climate agreement that meets the demands of the challenge presented by the scientific facts."*

Under Secretary for Global Affairs Maria Otero  
Washington, DC, June 23, 2010

**SVALBARD, NORWAY, June 23** – Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs Maria Otero delivered remarks outlining how the UN can contribute to International Cooperation on Climate Change at the Ny-Alesund Symposium. Under Secretary Otero discussed the Copenhagen Conference, and the accords that came out of the conference. She stated, "As of this month, over 130 countries — more than two thirds of the Conference of Parties and accounting for more than 80 percent of global emissions — have associated themselves with the Accord, and nearly 80 of those



Date: 06/23/2010 Location: Svalbard, Norway Description: Under Secretary Otero delivering remarks at the 2010 Ny-Alesund Symposium on climate change. - State Dept Image

countries had also inscribed their domestic targets and/or actions in the Accord. The United States is working to meet its Copenhagen Accord goals, including the financing provisions. We have tripled international climate assistance from 2009 to 2010 and submitted a request for a further 40% increase over 2010 in the 2011 budget. We have also increased resources for adaptation ten-fold." Under Secretary Otero also discussed the next Conference of the Parties schedule to take place in December 2010 in Cancun, aimed at building on the progress made in the Copenhagen Accord. [Read More](#)

## World Refugee Day

*"The plight of the world's refugees is an issue that transcends not just geography and ethnicity, but politics and partisanship as well."*

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Washington, DC, June 18, 2010

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 18** – In advance of World Refugee Day (June 20) and in commemoration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Refugee Act, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton discussed the transnational challenge of assistance to refugees. Secretary Clinton also highlighted what refugee issues mean for Americans citing the United States as the largest single source of support for assistance to refugees and victims of conflict. Secretary Clinton also talked about her 2009 visit to a refugee camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Finally, Secretary Clinton announced a \$60 million contribution from the United States to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees. She said, "This contribution will provide critical services such as healthcare and improve life for 4.7 million Palestinians. But again, that is not an answer either. We have to continue working for peace, security, and reconciliation in the Middle East." [Read More](#) | [Video](#) | [US Contribution to UNRWA for Palestinian Refugees](#)

## Reinventing USAID to Meet 21st Century Development and Security Challenges

*Administrator Shah Delivers Remarks at National Press Club*

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 18** -- In a speech before the National Press Club, Dr. Rajiv Shah, Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), emphasized the importance of modernizing development assistance. Shah noted that "a more efficient, results-oriented agency is needed now more than ever. America's greatest security challenges are no longer just state-based. Extreme poverty compromises basic human dignities, banishes hope for the future and paves the way for the rise of transnational extremism. We can meet these challenges through the President's signature long-term development initiatives, which are designed to meet the Millennium Development Goals - our Feed the Future program and the Global Health Initiative...a modern aid agency must work where the link between the opportunity to lead a healthy and productive life and our own national security is more acute." [Read More](#)

## 2010 World Food Prize

*"We are committed to fight the twin afflictions of hunger and poverty.... Over the past year, we have had an extraordinary all-hands-on-deck effort...."*

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Washington, DC, June 16, 2010

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 16** – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered keynote remarks and presided over the ceremony announcing the 2010 World Food Prize Laureates. The ceremony, which was held at the US Department of State for the seventh consecutive year, also featured addresses by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah, and Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn, president of the World Food Prize Foundation.

David Beckmann, of Bread for the World, and Jo Luck, of Heifer International, were jointly honored for building renowned and effective anti-hunger organizations. Beckmann and Luck received the the 2010 World Food Prize for their landmark achievements in building Bread for the World and Heifer International into two of the world's foremost grassroots organizations leading the charge to end hunger and poverty for millions of people around the globe. The World Food Prize recognizes the critical efforts of NGOs in mobilizing and empowering everyday citizens to end hunger in communities around the world. [Read More](#)

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